

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A form for being overlaid with print data is edited through a simple method. Specifically, a tree is  
5 displayed on a screen for editing a composite form.  
When an icon included in the tree is moved, editing is carried in such a manner that composite-form data takes on a structure that corresponds to the editing operation, the editing being performed in dependence  
10 upon the type of icon moved and in conformity with the type of icon located at the destination of movement.